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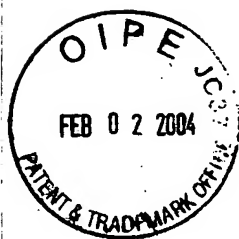
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TRANSMITTAL FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement, which includes the following statements, if any, required variously by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

☒ Statement of relevance of selected cited references not in the English language which are not translated.

Statement that selected cited references are substantially cumulative of an enclosed or previously submitted reference.

____ Statement that selected cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

A. Additional Materials Required Due to Content of Information Disclosure Statement

Transmitted are the following documents in addition to the Information Disclosure Statement as required variously under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

X Form PTO-1449 listing 45 references submitted for consideration.

X Copies of the required 12 references listed on the Form PTO-1449.

____ English translations as indicated on the Form PTO-1449 of the references which are not in the English language.

____ Copies of the following documents from the prosecution of a previous, related application:

____ Form PTO-1449 AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; and

____ Form PTO-892

B. Additional Materials Required Due to Timing of Filing of Information Disclosure Statement

The transmitted Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within one (1) of the following four (4) time periods:

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____ Check No. in the amount of \$ _____ constituting the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1).

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C. Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of or any deficiency in the following fees associated with this communication, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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____ The petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1).

Dated this 30th day of January, 2004.

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Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record

believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the required references or relevant portion thereof is also enclosed.

Statement of Relevance of References Listed
Unaccompanied by English Translation
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), the following concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference that is not in the English language and unaccompanied by a translation into English is provided:

Soviet Union Patent No. 1258-447-A, Issued September 23, 1986: Leg muscles developer – has tube mounted, pins guided weights selected by hand operated cam and spring-loaded rods. Mechanism for developing leg muscles is mounted under floor (3). Weights (5) are inserted on baseplate (1) pins (4). Tube (6) is passed through weights, it is welded to baseplate and fitted with bar (7) and loop (8) to which trainee belt (9) is attached. Shaft is secured in tube bottom and carries rotating sleeve cam (12). Spring-loaded, equispaced radial rods (24) are fitted in tube wall and engaged in weights channels. When sleeve (12) is turned by handle (13). Top weight fingers (16) are inserted in tube grooves (17). Pins (4) ends are secured to plate (18) which has covered (20) opening (19).

A number of weights are positioned on tube end by turning handle (13). Sleeve (12) pushes spring-loaded rods in weight channels. Trainee attaches belt (9) and carries out crouching movements. When he rises and drops the weights locate above fixed one are lifted and lowered on pins (4).

USE/ADVANTAGE – Leg muscles trainer is easier to operate.

Please credit any over payment or charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3178 of the undersigned.

Dated this 30th day of January, 2004.

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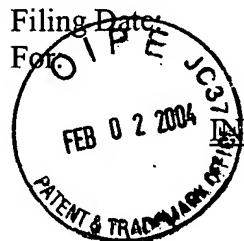
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATIONS MADE BY APPLICANTU.S. Patent Documents

<u>Examiner Initial*</u>	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Issue Date/ Publication Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
___ 1	D359,778	June 27, 1995	Towley, III, et al.
___ 2	1,316,683	September 23, 1919	Calvert
___ 3	1,672,944	June 12, 1928	Jowett
___ 4	1,991,520	February 19, 1935	Postl
___ 5	2,379,984	July 10, 1945	Nereaux
___ 6	2,500,299	March 14, 1950	Spitzkeit
___ 7	2,640,696	March 26, 1952	Lemieux
___ 8	3,099,509	July 30, 1963	Duenke
___ 9	3,161,395	December 15, 1964	Carter
___ 10	3,488,051	January 6, 1970	Papistas-Scherer
___ 11	3,606,406	September 20, 1971	Walters
___ 12	3,679,244	July 25, 1972	Reddy
___ 13	3,771,785	November 13, 1973	Speyer
___ 14	3,825,253	July 23, 1974	Speyer
___ 15	3,913,908	October 21, 1975	Speyer
___ 16	4,042,305	August 16, 1977	Vincent
___ 17	4,529,197	July 16, 1985	Gogarty

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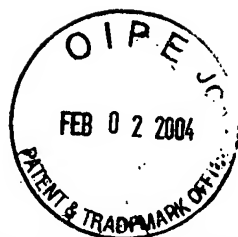
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_____ 19	4,566,690	January 28, 1986	Schook
_____ 20	4,638,994	January 27, 1987	Gogarty
_____ 21	4,861,025	August 29, 1989	Rockwell
_____ 22	4,882,035	April 18, 1989	Jennings, et al.
_____ 23	4,893,810	January 16, 1990	Lee
_____ 24	5,637,064	June 10, 1997	Olson, et al.
_____ 25	5,769,762	June 3, 1998	Towley, III, et al.
_____ 26	5,779,604	July 14, 1998	Towley, III, et al.
_____ 27	5,839,997	November 24, 1998	Roth, et al.
_____ 28	5,876,313	March 2, 1999	Krull
_____ 29	6,007,268	December 28, 1999	Whittington, et al.
_____ 30	6,033,350	March 7, 2000	Krull
_____ 31	6,039,678	March 21, 2000	Dawson
_____ 32	6,099,442	August 8, 2000	Krull
_____ 33	6,261,022 B1	July 17, 2001	Dalebout, et al.

Foreign Patent Documents

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_____ 34	SU 1258-447-A	September 23, 1986	Soviet Union

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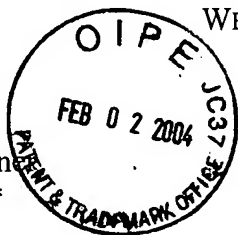
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- ____ 35 Bodybuilder's Discount Outlet Summer 1995 Catalog, p. 20. Showing Power Block Selectorized Dumbbells and Stand, 1994 (2 pages).
- ____ 36 PowerBlock, *The World's Only Selectorized Dumbell*, 1995 IntellBell, Inc. (6 pages).
- ____ 37 PowerBlock, *The World's Only Selectorized Dumbell*, available on information and belief at least as early as September, 2002 (2 pages).
- ____ 38 ProBell, *The Most Advanced Exercise Tool on the Planet*, available on information and belief at least as early as September, 2002 (3 pages).
- ____ 39 ProBell, *The Most Advanced Exercise Tool on the Planet*, Owner's Manual, available on information and belief at least as early as September, 2002 (4 pages).
- ____ 40 Various Internet Documents for ProBell, <http://www.premiseproducts.com>; January 7, 2004 (13 pages).
- ____ 41 Various Internet Documents for ProBell, <http://ss130.securedata.net/probell/Order.htm>, January 7, 2004 (5 pages).
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- ____ 43 ProBell, *Fundamental Eight*, available on information and belief at least as early as September, 2002 (10 pages).
- ____ 44 ProBell, *3 Day Workout*, available on information and belief at least as early as September, 2002 (9 pages).
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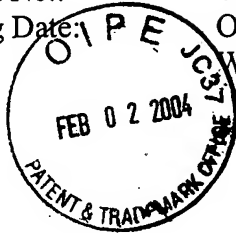
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**References Cited by Applicants**

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Examiners will consider all citations submitted in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and MPEP Sec. 609 and place their initials adjacent the citations in the spaces provided on this form. Examiners will also initial citations not in conformance with the guidelines which may have been considered. A reference may be considered by the Examiner for any reason whether or not the citation is in full conformance with the guidelines. A line will be drawn through a citation if it is not in conformance with the guidelines AND has not been considered. A copy of the submitted form, as reviewed by the Examiner, will be returned to the applicant with the next communication. The original of the form will be entered into the application file.

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